

Cleora Magee on her career of service to the people of Flint, Michigan. The community is losing a great advocate and I wish her the best as she enjoys her well deserved retirement.

IN HONOR OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 10, 2008

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. The Monterey Chamber of Commerce was created in 1908 from a loosely organized merchants' association. In 1949, the name was changed to reflect its expansion across the entire peninsula including the sister cities of Carmel, Pacific Grove, Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Seaside, and Sand City as well as the neighboring unincorporated areas of Big Sur, Carmel Valley, Carmel Highlands and Pebble Beach.

Today, a chamber is more than a non-profit organization; it is a business, and its product is its members. As the largest chamber of commerce in the tri-county area, it provides leadership on issues, programs and business development that benefit both the community and their member businesses.

Now 1,000 members strong, the chamber's commitment to serving the business interests of the entire peninsula strengthens economic growth, promotes the wonders of Monterey County, and serves the needs of our many visitors annually from around the world.

In answer to the question, "What has the Chamber done for me lately?" Board chair Terry Low and president and CEO Astrid Coleman offer these programs and goals: promoting its members by making each one aware of local products and services and creating events to showcase the members; offering educational programs, coaching services and forums to help small business owners succeed; and presenting a "voice for business" to legal and legislative authorities about issues affecting peninsula business and the community. Recognizing the need for a properly prepared workforce, the chamber mobilizes business and community resources to

ensure quality education on the Monterey Peninsula, and is dedicated to sustainability through the local greening of businesses.

Madam Speaker, I salute 100 years of effort by the members, volunteers, committee members, board members, community partners, and staff of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, whose dedication has made this organization a vital and integral part of our community.

CONGRATULATING EWING TIGERS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Ewing Tigers girls basketball team for winning the 2008 Nebraska State Girls Basketball Class D-2 Championship by the score of 45-44 last week, just barely edging the Pleasanton Bulldogs.

The returning champs from 2007—who went 0-19 just three years ago—found their salvation on the foul line, making three of four free throws with just 23 seconds to go in the game. A coach I know once said that if you make your free throws, you win the game. Well, the girls from Ewing certainly proved him right.

The players showed grit and determination during their championship game, but also dedication, teamwork and responsibility during the regular season to get them to the final game. They should be proud of their accomplishments, as I'm sure their entire community is of them.

I hope the girls and their coaches are as proud of themselves as we are of them. They deserve a well earned break, and I look forward to following their season next year.

HONORING SUZANNE LINDLEY FOR HER DEDICATION TO HELPING OTHERS FIGHT CANCER

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Suzanne Lindley for her

dedication to inspiring cancer patients and survivors and for courageously fighting her own battle against colorectal cancer.

In 1998, after receiving a bleak diagnosis that she had advanced metastatic colorectal cancer, Mrs. Lindley reached out to fellow patients in an attempt to gain emotional and medical support. Nine years later, thousands are looking to Mrs. Lindley for inspiration. In addition to being involved in eight different associations, Mrs. Lindley is a co-founder and president of Yttrium-90 Microspheres Education and Support, and serves on the Colorectal Cancer Coalition steering committee for Cover Your Butt. Mrs. Lindley also works with the American Cancer Society as the online chair for Van Zandt County Relay for Life, the ACT District 5 chair, a Cancer Action Network member, and a Cancer Support Network member.

Through her own experience, Mrs. Lindley learned the importance of support groups for both patients suffering with cancer and their families. But rather than focusing on herself, Mrs. Lindley organized survivor advocacy to support cancer patients.

With a desire to bring hope to others, Mrs. Lindley took her personal story to the national stage and courageously shared it with magazines, radio and television hosts. During her appearance on the TODAY Show, Katie Couric referred to her as a "Medical Matchmaker" for promoting the "buddy system" while fighting this disease.

Today, I have the privilege of meeting with Mrs. Lindley. However, this is not Mrs. Lindley's first trip to Washington, DC. Desiring to take a proactive approach, Mrs. Lindley has spent much time with lawmakers, both back home and in Washington, to petition Congress for their help in the fight against cancer.

Cancer is a devastating disease that has touched many lives. As a former volunteer and board member of the American Cancer Society of Dallas, I have seen how cancer impacts a family. As a husband and father, I share a deep commitment to the fight against cancer.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am honored to recognize Suzanne Lindley for her selfless spirit in the face of a consuming disease.